

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on March 13, 2007  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Greg Lind (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.  
They provide a list of participants and a record of official  
action taken by the committee. The link to the audio

recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 22, 3/9/2007; HB 608,  
3/9/2007; HB 214, 3/9/2007; HB  
442, 3/9/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:06 REP. DAVE MCALPIN (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on  
HB 22, Clarify distribution of revenue from fee in lieu  
of tax on heavy vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:00:58 Sen. Story, SD 30

00:03:43 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:02 Sen. Laible to Greg Petesch, Legislative Counsel

00:09:56 Sen. Barkus to Greg Petesch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:18 Rep. Mcalpin

**HEARING ON HB 608**

00:10:47 Sen. Cooney

Hearing on HB 608 was postponed

**HEARING ON HB 214**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:20 REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 214, Make foster care funds available to tribes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:50 Mary Ann Acres, Indian Child and Family Resource Center

00:17:22 Tracy King, Fort Belknap Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribal Council, At Large Representative Assiniboine Tribe

00:20:02 Jani McCall, Montana Childrens Initiative Providers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:21:04 Shirley Brown, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:11 Sen. Lind to Mary Ann Akers

00:21:59 Shirley Brown

00:22:17 Sen. Lind to Shirley Brown

00:22:40 Sen. Laible to Shirley Brown

00:28:16 Sen. Lind to Shirley Brown

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:29 Wilma Tyner, Social Services Director, Chippewa Cree Tribe

00:30:19 Leah LaMere, Chippewa Cree Tribe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:09 Sen. Bales to Shirley Brown

00:35:26 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Windy Boy

00:39:43 Sen. Hawks to Lea LaMere

00:42:01 Sen. Weinberg to Shirley Brown

00:42:43 Sen. Laible to Leah LaMere

00:45:49 Sen. Windy Boy

*(Note: Hearing was left open in order to consider a revised fiscal note that was being prepared.)*

**HEARING ON HB 442**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:20 **REP. MIKE PHILLIPS (D), HD 66**, opened the hearing on  
HB **442**, Legislative review of fiscal note accuracy.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:52:50 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:07 Sen. Laible to Rep. Phillips

00:58:45 Sen. Laible to Clayton Schenck

01:01:39 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Phillips

01:04:14 Sen. Hawks to Clayton Schenck

01:08:13 Sen. Weinberg to Clayton Schenck

01:11:23 Sen. Barkus to Rep. Phillips

01:14:38 Sen. Cooney to Sen. Wanzenried

01:17:35 Sen. Schmidt to Clayton Schenck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:25 Rep. Phillips

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:26 P.M.

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SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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